



Hallmark of
The Goldsmiths' Company
since 1300



The
GOLDSMITHS'
Company

ASSAY OFFICE

Price List



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Hallmarking Charges

The following charges are payable with effect from 1 April 2019 for services supplied by the Goldsmiths' Company Assay Office under the provisions of the Hallmarking Act of 1973.

The charges do not exceed the maxima set by the British Hallmarking Council. Details of such maximum charges can be obtained free of charge from the British Hallmarking Council.

Unlike most other assay offices, The Goldsmiths' Company Assay Office applies the full traditional UK hallmark, or full International Convention mark as standard, at no extra charge. The minimum compulsory mark can be applied upon request.

The charges below include application of this standard hallmark, whether struck with a punch or applied by laser. They also include traditional fineness symbol, date letter, laser application of hallmark, sponsor's mark, and simple handling.

Charges

1 – 2 articles in a packet	£13 per packet
3 articles or over in a packet	£18 per packet + £1 per article

A Full UK Hallmark

Includes the traditional 5 marks regardless of metal type



Sponsor's Mark

Traditional
Fineness
Mark

Millesimal
Fineness Mark

Assay
Office
Mark

Date
Letter

A Full Convention Hallmark

Includes 4 marks regardless of metal type



Sponsor's Mark

Common
Control Mark

Millesimal
Fineness Mark

Assay
Office
Mark

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Priority Services

1-hour service	£70.00 for up to 5 items of the same metal and fineness
Same day service	Plus 100% on top of hallmarking charges on p.1
Next day service	Plus 50% on top of hallmarking charges on p.1

Additional Charges for Non-Standard Assaying and Hallmarking

Application of Moderate Bespoke (Display) marks	Plus £1.50 per article
Application of Complex Bespoke (Display) marks	Plus £3.00 per article
Second Hand items	£7.00 per article
Application of additional Assay marks e.g. Part Mark, Common Control Mark, extra Sponsor's Marks, METAL mark	A. Up to & including 1.5mm in height (Part Mark) = 35p B. Over 1.5mm in height (Large Part Mark) = 50p
Application of additional marks e.g. Fairmined, Argentium logo or trademark	Plus 50p struck mark/POA laser mark
Application of Fairtrade logo	75p struck/£1.25 laser
Change of use	Normal hallmarking charges plus £7 per article
Complex Sampling	Plus £1 per item

Additional Charges

Paper hallnote unit charge	20p per article
Simple handling	Free
Moderate handling	30p per article
Complex handling	Plus cost of hallmark charge per item
Processing of direct packets	Plus £5.00 per packet
Packet Logistics	Plus £5.00 per packet
Non-Hallmarking Charge	£13
Changes to packet processing	£5
Return postage	As appropriate plus £3.25 per shipment
Invoice corrections for taxes and duties	£100.00 per incident

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Other Services

Laser Engraving Services

Simple logo or lettering	£6 per article
Moderate lettering	£11
Complex lettering	£16
Complex logo	Price on application
Deeper laser marking	Price on application

Assistance to Trading Standards

Examination of marks with written report	£25.00 per article
Basic test to establish precious metal content	£12.50 per article
Full precious metal assay	£26.00 per article
Verification of gold or silver plating – 1st item	£20.00
Verification of gold or silver plating – additional items	£10.00
Preparation of section 9 witness statement	£50.00
Attendance at court as expert witness or inspections	£150.00 per hour plus travelling expenses
Photograph of item/s	from £35.00 per photograph

Laboratory Services

Non-destructive compositional analysis (XRF test)	£15.00 per sample
Plating thickness analysis	£50.00 per sample
Silver dating	£60 for first sample and £20 each subsequent sample
Sweeps/powders/ore samples	£60 first element and £35 each subsequent element

Special Assay

Metal	Bar or Sample
Gold	£35.00
Silver	£35.00
Platinum	£50.00
Palladium	£50.00
Gold, palladium and platinum	£90.00
Gold, palladium, platinum and silver	£100.00
Gold, palladium, platinum or silver 999	£150.00
Gold, palladium, platinum or silver 9999	£150.00
Reprint of Special Assay Report	£15.00

Content and Release Tests

Lead and cadmium content	1 component part £35.00 2 component parts £45.00
Nickel release test (per item)	3 component parts £55.00 4+ component parts £65.00

Smelting into Bars

Melt scrap gold	£50.00 per sample up to 9kg
Melt scrap silver	£50.00 per sample up to 9kg
Melt scrap mixed gold & silver	£50.00 per sample up to 9kg
Melt scrap platinum	£50.00 per sample up to 2kg
Melt scrap palladium	£50.00 per sample up to 2kg
Melt scrap mixed which includes platinum and/or palladium	£50.00 per sample up to 2kg
Addition of copper to dental melts	£15.00
Re-melts	£25.00

Glossary of Terms

More information can be found on our website.

Bespoke (Display) Hallmarks – Any hallmarking formation not in the standard format such as spaced, spot, vertical marks or hallmarks in a different order. Any ring with a hallmark larger than 0.75mm Any other article with a hallmark larger than 1.5mm.

Complex Bespoke Hallmark – Spaced, staggered, spot, curved or marks above maximum normal size or in non-standard positions.

Any hallmarking formation not in the standard format, as in images on page 1 i.e. horizontal with minimal spacing. Any ring with a hallmark larger than 1.00mm. Any other article with a hallmark larger than 2.00mm.

Moderate Bespoke Hallmark – Any hallmarking formation in the standard format - with dimensions as follows: Any ring with a 1.00mm hallmark in height. Any other article with a hallmark 1.5mm to 2.00mm inclusive.

Change to Packet Processing – Applicable where the delivery method has to be changed or work has been submitted not following our [Terms & Conditions](#).

Common Control Mark – Forms part of the International Convention Hallmark, or can be added to a full UK mark at extra cost.

Complex sampling – Where item(s) fails and you require us to test the rest of the packet and mark appropriately.

Direct packets – Goods can be sent directly from the supplier without a hallnote, assayed and hallmarked as normal and forwarded to your desired destination.

Full UK hallmark – The traditional 5 marks: Sponsor’s Mark, Traditional Fineness symbol, Millesimal Fineness symbol, Leopard’s Head for London and Date letter. Unless otherwise stated this is the standard mark which we apply.

Handling – Handling is something which may need to be executed before the hallmark can be applied e.g. opening a poly bag, removing tissue wrapping, sliding butterflies off earrings, untying or untangling items.

Simple handling – one handling procedure.

Moderate handling – two – three handling procedures.

Complex handling – where multiple handling procedures necessary. Heavily packaged/numerous layers of handling/thick adhesive plastic.

International Convention mark – Sponsor’s mark, Common Control Mark, millesimal fineness mark, and assay office mark.

Invoice corrections for taxes and duties – Where we receive articles by courier from outside of Europe, the customer is responsible for any applicable duties and taxes. Where payments are outstanding we have the right to refuse consignments.

Laser Engraving terminology for logos and lettering – Available fonts: Arial, Times New Roman or Lucida Calligraphy fonts. Dates, letters, serial numbers.

Simple Logo – Logo applied in one application, under 6mm in height.

Complex Logo – Logo applied in more than one application or over 6mm in height.

Simple Lettering – Engraving up to 2mm in height, in one straight line and applied in one application.

Moderate Lettering – Engraving up to 2mm in height, allowed in multiple straight lines, in one application.

Complex Lettering – Engraving over 2mm in height, not in a straight line or has multiple applications.

METAL mark – Applied with the standard hallmark to distinguish base metal from precious metal parts.

Non-Hallmarking Charge – For packets which do not incur hallmarking charges.

Packet Logistics – Applied when booking your packages out via a courier service.

Paper Hallnote Unit Charge – Applicable where the packet is submitted without a completed online Hallnote.

Part Mark – The legal minimum which must be applied for a part mark is the millesimal fineness mark which shows either the standard of a different metal present, or of another part. We can apply the traditional fineness symbol if requested.

Priority Services – For packets requiring specified turnaround times. Delays could occur to your turnaround time if your sponsor’s punch is not held at the site where packet is submitted or if there is any laser engraving on the items. Larger packets may be transferred from Greville Street to the Hall.

1-hour service – Available from 09:00, last packet accepted at 16:00. For up to 5 items of the same metal and fineness.

Next Day/Early Hall service – packets will be ready by 16.30 the next working day & is available for up to 30 items at Goldsmiths Hall & 10 items at Greville Street.

Same Day service – for up to 10 items which, if received before 12.00, will be ready by 16.30. Available at Goldsmith’s Hall & Greville Street for goods delivered at the counter only.

Standard hallmark – Either a full UK hallmark or full Convention mark in a horizontal position with minimal spacing in the standard order of sequence as in images shown, in standard mark positions.

IMPORTANT:

When requesting a priority service “Next Day/Early Hall”, “Same Day” or “1 hour” should be clearly marked on the outside of the packet and requested on the Hallnote.

The packet should be submitted to the office that holds your sponsor’s mark punch.

A pair of earrings or cufflinks count as two items. If a pendant comes off a chain, and is over minimum weight exemption this will also count as two items.

Mixed Metals: See our [Video Guides and Guidance Notes](#) in the downloads area on our website for information on what is permitted.

Packets that fail Assay are liable for full charge. Any packet resubmitted for Hallmarking due to packet failing Assay or Hallmark being removed after Assay will incur normal charges.

Before submitting your articles please refer to our [Terms & Conditions](#) for specifics on business rules and what is required for submitting a packet.